Stakes are allowed to be planted only in sufficiently wide channels, and care is taken to leave enough water-way for purposes of traffic.

The use of the soil of assigned lands for making bricks.

79. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether sanction is required for using the soil of assigned lands for making bricks for the construction of small huts, etc.? If so, who is the sole authority to give such sanction, and how is such sanction to be obtained by the ryots? Will the Government be pleased to transfer the power of granting such sanction to the local Panchayats, in view of the fact that the poor villagers are put to great inconvenience owing to the difficulty to obtain sanction from Tahsildars?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes. The member is referred to the provision in Chapter IV of *the Land Revenue Manual* which contains all the information required by him. The Government do not consider that the existing arrangement works any hardship on the ryots, and that there is any necessity to alter it. The member is also referred to the answer to question No. 219 (legislative session).

The income from laterite quarrying.

80. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of income from laterite quarrying from each taluk separately;

(b) the amount of income from granite quarrying from each taluk;

(c) the amount of income from removing gravel, earth and turf from each taluk;

(d) how many petitions were received from each taluk separately for quarrying each of the above materials during the last three years;

(e) how many petitions were rejected, and what were the reasons for their rejection;

(f) in how many cases was sanction accorded within 15 days of their receipt in the Taluk Office;

(g) in how many cases was sanction accorded after (i) one month, (ii) three months, (iii) six months and (iv) nine months;

(h) is the Government aware of the fact that a vast majority of quarrying is being carried on for the primary necessity of man, viz., the building of houses and for the improvement of agriculture;

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(i) is the Government aware that this quarrying is being hampered by the vagaries of exacting Jenmies and by the unauthorised interference of Village Officers;

(j) will the Government be pleased to remove these disabilities by taking away the provision to obtain sanction for quarrying laterite, gravel, earth and turf from *the Land Revenue Manual*?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) to (g). A statement containing the information available is given in Appendix IV.

(h), (i) and (j). The member is referred to the answer to question No. 79.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Appendix IV. The majority of applications were rejected due to the objection of the *Pattadars*. And for the withdrawal of the applications, what were the main reasons ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—They do not want. That is the only reason.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—I just want to ascertain whether it was due to the year being out.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The withdrawal of applications is due to this. A man perhaps wanted to do some traffic in stones, and afterwards he gave up that idea, and then naturally he withdraws his application.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Sometimes, it is the other way also, that it becomes too late in the year to get sanction.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The sanction once given will hold good for one year. Whenever applications are received, sanction will be given.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—The sanction is given for a calendar year and not for an official year.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A departmental order has been issued to that effect, and it is being introduced in the State *Land Revenue Manual* also.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—It is not seen in *the Land Revenue Manual*.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In all cases the sanction will have force from the date of the order. The benefit thereof will be for one year.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—As to the sub-divisions referred to in question No. 279, there again reference is made to No. 219, and there is the appendix in which there is a very reason-

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able and intelligent report submitted by the Diwan Peishkar. It has been over-ruled by the Government, and it is stated that Article 87 of *the Land Revenue Manual* must stand as it is. Here in *the Land Revenue Manual*, Article 87 gives the Jenmies a permanent right of occupancy. Now, all these tenants who want to quarry in the land want the sanction of the Jenmies. They have to please them somehow or other, and then only tenants will be able to get a *Kychit*. That is rather an unreasonable demand from the tenants, and the Diwan Peishkar has recommended that that portion may be deleted. See Appendix V to question No. 90. This point was raised recently in the Talappalli Taluk Conference during the time of Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghavachari. In the latter portion of the third paragraph of the Diwan Peishkar's report, he has very reasonably placed the matter before the Government, because there may be certain conditions under which the tenants should obtain sanction. The Government need not place another handle in the hands of the Jenmies. The Diwan Peishkar's recommendation was not approved of by the Government. Had the Government any special reasons for over-ruling it?

President.—I suppose any special reasons are not set out. They must have considered all the reasons urged by the Diwan Peishkar, and after a careful consideration ordered that the matter should remain as it is.

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